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1. The following statement on the unification of Socialism in Greece was signed in Paris:

"Comrades Str. Papaioannou, George Oikonomou, Dim. Giotonoulos, Dion. Benetatos, and Dem. Pyromaglou, belonging to different Socialist organizations of Greece, met in Paris on 14 July 1948. Present also were Comrades Theodorou and Konstanti, members of the Socialist Party S.F.I.O., Siron and Stamiris. After discussion of the situation in Greece and of the Socialist question in that country, they agreed on the following points:

- a. They affirm the necessity of unifying all the true Socialist forces of the country (parties, organizations, and individuals) and of creating a strong Party of scientific and democratic socialism in accord with the spirit and the policy of the parties of the "Komisko".
- b. They promise to aid the effort at unity. They believe that the arrival in Greece of an Investigating Committee of the "Komisko", of the Socialist Party, of the S.F.I.O., and of the Labor Party of England can render more effective the effort for unity and will assure the restoration of the Socialist forces. They declare that they accept the arbitration of this committee.
- c. They believe that this Committee ought to investigate the general situation in Greece and compose an impartial and unequivocal report for the enlightenment of international public opinion, and should encourage the disillusioned masses of Socialists and the fighters in the Resistance and explain to them the program and the policy of the "Komisko".
- d. They affirm that the Greek people are disillusioned with the disastrous policy of the Right and of KKE, that only the creation of a truly Socialist party can today express the desires of the people, and that only an independent Socialist program, based on the principles of national integrity and independence, of moral purification, of peace and reconstruction of the country, of the right for democracy and the social liberation of the working class, can inspire and move the masses.

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- e. They disavow the mistaken policy of the leadership of SK-ELD which corresponds neither to the interests of the Greek people, nor to the Greek reality, nor to the Socialistic tactics followed by the parties of the "Komisko". They appeal to the "Komisko" and particularly to the Socialist Party S.F.I.O. and to the Labor Party of England to help the Greek Socialists and to realize their responsibilities towards the Greek people and for the peace of the world which is threatened by the civil war in Greece.

Papaioannou, G. Oikonomou,
D. Benetatos, D. Giotopoulos,
Kon. Pyromaglou, I. Konstanti,
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